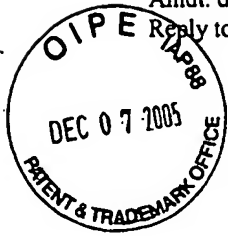


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following remarks: